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S A V A N N A H.

FRIDAY, *January 11. 1739-40.* Went this Morning with some Friends to view a Tract of Land, consisting of 500 Acres, which Mr. *H—* whom I left School-Master of *Savannah*, was directed, I hope by Providence, to make Choice of for the *Orphan-House*. It is situated on the Northern Part of the Colony, about 10 Miles off *Savannah*, and has various Kinds of Soil in it; a Part of it very good.—Some Acres, through the Diligence of my Friend, are cleared. He has also stock'd it with Cattle and Poultry. He has begun the Fence, and built a Hut; all which will greatly forward the Work. I choose to have it so far off the Town, because the Children will then be more free from bad Examples, and can more conveniently go upon their Lands to work. For it is my Design to have each of the Children taught to labour, so as to be qualified to get their own Living.—*LORD, do thou teach and excite*

them to labour also for that Meat which endureth to everlasting Life.

Thursday, January 24. Went this Morning and took Possession of my Lot.— *I hope it is cast in a fair Ground, and GOD, in answer to our Prayers, will shew that he has given us a goodly Heritage.* I called it *Bethesda*, that is, *the House of Mercy.* For I hope many Acts of Mercy will be shewn there, and that many will thereby be stirred up to praise the LORD, as a GOD whose Mercy endureth for ever.

Tuesday, January 29. Took in three German Orphans, the most pitiful Objects, I think, that I ever yet saw.—No new Negroes could possibly look more despicable, or require more Pains to instruct them.—They have been used to exceeding hard Labour, and tho' supplied with Provisions from the Trustees, yet treated in a Manner unbecoming even Heathens.—Was all the Money I have collected, to be spent in freeing these three Children from Slavery, it would be well laid out.—I have also in my House near twenty more, who, in all Probability, if not taken in, would be as ignorant of GOD and CHRIST, comparatively speaking, as the *Indians.* Blessed be GOD, they begin to live in order. *Continue this and all other Blessings to them, for thy infinite Mercies sake, O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer.*

Tuesday, January 29. This Day I began the Cotton Manufacture, and agreed with a Woman to teach the little ones to spin and card.—I find annual Cotton grows indifferently well in *Georgia*: And to encourage the People, I this Day bought three hundred Pounds Weight, and have agreed to take all the Cotton, Hemp, and Flax that shall be produced the following Year through the whole Province.—I see more and more the Excellency of the Charity in which I am engaged. I trust it will make *Savannah* lift up her drooping Head. Tho' there are fewer Inhabitants, yet I think they are in a better Situation than when I was here last.—They now live independent on a Public Store. Provisions, (Fleur especially) are much cheaper, Cattle more plentiful ;

ful; and by the Divine Blessing, if any Manufacture can be raised amongst themselves, to prevent their exporting so much Money, they may yet do well.—I bless GOD my Congregations are as large as usual.—The Court-House is generally full, and I keep as near as may be, to my old Way of Proceeding.—We have the Sacrament every *Sunday*, and public Prayer and Exposition twice every Day in the Week.—*The LORD blefs my coming, and grant the Inhabitants may know the Things which belong to their Peace before they are eternally hid from their Eyes!*

Wednesday, January 30. Went this Day with the Carpenter and Surveyor, and laid out the Ground whereon the Orphan-House is to be built. It is to be sixty Feet long, and forty wide. A Yard and Garden before and behind. The Foundation is to be Brick, and is to be sunk four Feet within, and raised three Feet above the Ground.—The House is to be two Story high, with an Hip-Roof: The first ten, the second nine Foot high.—In all, there will be near twenty commodious Rooms.—Behind are to be two small Houses, the one for an Infirmary, the other for a Work-house. There is also to be a Still-House for the Apothecary; and I trust ere my Return to *England*, I shall see my Children and Family quite settled in it.—I find it will be an expensive Work: But it is for the LORD CHRIST. He will take Care to defray all Charges. The Money that will be spent on this Occasion, will keep many Families from leaving the Colony, and in all Probability bring many others over. There are near thirty working at the Plantation already, and I would employ as many more, if they were to be had.—Whatsoever is done for GOD, ought to be done speedily, as well as with all our Might. *Oh that there was such a Mind in all!*

Monday, February 4. Met, according to Appointment, with all the Magistrates, and the former Trustee of the Orphans, who heard the Recorder read over the Grant given me by the Trustees, and took a Minute of their Approbation of the same. — LORD, grant I may
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carefully watch over every Soul that is or shall be committed to my Charge!

Monday, February 11. Had much of the Divine Presence Yesterday, both at Morning and Evening Service. Took in four fresh Orphans, and set out with two Friends to *Frederica*, in order to pay my Respects to General *Oglethorpe*, and to fetch the Orphans that were in the Southern Parts of the Colony.—*LORD, preserve my Going out and Coming in from this Time forth for evermore.*

Providence, fourteen Miles from Frederica.

Tuesday, February 12. Lay here last Night at a Planter's House, expecting to meet the Scout Boat this Morning, but finding it did not come at the Time appointed, I and my Friends went to *Bethesda*, and I hope spent the Day to God's Glory and our own Good. At Night we returned to *Providence*.—About eight o' Clock the Scout Boat came; but it being late, we chose to defer going till next Morning. — In the mean while, God was pleased to give us refreshing Sleep, and to fill my Soul, after it had been much cast down, with unspeakable Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.— *Oh that I was careful always to behave so, as not to provoke that Blessed Guest to depart from me! But I find that I have yet a Body of Sin and Death. Thanks be to GOD, yet a little while, and I hope to have a compleat Victory through our Lord JESUS CHRIST!*

DARIEN near FREDERICA.

Friday, February 15. Lay on the Water two Nights, and reached the *Scots Settlement* To-day at Noon.— Was kindly received by Mr. *Macloed* the Minister, and those of his House. — Engaged to take four Orphans which were in his Flock; and about seven in the Evening, after some edifying Conversation and friendly Offices of Love, I took Boat for *Frederica*, where we arrived about two in the Morning; and having warmed and refreshed ourselves, retired to Bed, blessing God for the
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bodily and spiritual Comforts which he from time to time imparted to us. — *Oh that my Eyes were open to see the Length, and Breadth, and Depth, and Height of the Loving Kindnesses of the LORD ! I can only adore, comprehend it I cannot ; it is past my finding out.*

FREDERICA.

Saturday, February 16. Waited upon and was courteously received by the General, with whom I and my Friends breakfasted and dined, and spent most Part of the Day. At Night GOD was pleased to visit me with a Fever, which obliged me to go to Bed sooner than usual. My Mind was also exercised with inward Trials : But in a few Hours my Pain both of Body and Mind, were somewhat abated , and the Remainder of the Night I was blessed with sweet Repose. *For ever adored be the Keeper of Israel, who neither slumbereth nor sleepeth !*

*'Tis he sustains my feeble Pow'rs
With his Almighty Arms :
He watches my unguarded Hours,
Against invading Harms.*

*No scorching Sun, nor sickly Moon,
Have leave from him to smite :
He shields my Head from burning Noon,
From blasting Damps at Night.*

*He guards my Soul, he keeps my Breath,
When thickest Dangers come :
Still I'll go on, secure from Death,
Till he commands me home.*

Sunday, February 17. Found myself better in Body, tho' somewhat weak. — Preach'd in the Morning in a Room belonging to the Store-House. — GOD was pleased to give me much Freedom, and the People seemed very attentive. — The General, Soldiers and People attended very orderly. — After Sermon I married a Couple, baptized a Child, and spent the Remainder of the Evening with

with my two Friends.—*Oh what a happy Thing is it for Brethren to dwell together in Unity!*

Monday, February 18. Rose this Morning by one o'Clock.—Took Boat in order to go to *St. Andrew's*; but the Rudder breaking, we were obliged to return back and desist from our intended Voyage.—Went to Bed and slept for a few Hours. Spent a good Part of the Day with the General. Received from him a Bill of Exchange for 150 *l.* which he advanced me in order to begin a Church at *Savannah*. About seven o'Clock set off for the *Darien*, whither I promised to return, to take Mr. *Macleod* and the Orphans with me to *Savannah*.—The Passage to that Place is generally about four Hours: But the Wind being high and contrary, we were obliged to come to a Grapling, near an open Reach, and did not get to *Darien* till the next Day at Noon.—Mr. *Macleod* and his Friends received us with Joy, and finding me ill, advised me to lie down; by which I was much refreshed, and was thereby enabled at Night to give God Thanks in Family Prayer.—*Oh who can express the Loving Kindness of the LORD, or shew forth all his Praise!*

D A R I E N.

Wednesday, February 20. Preached about ten in the Morning to Mr. *Macleod's* Congregation, who seemed rejoiced at what God enabled me to deliver.—About two o'Clock took Boat for *Savannah*.—But after we had rowed about twelve Miles, the Wind grew rough, and the Water beat so fast into our Boat, which was but small, and very heavy laden, that we were obliged to put in at a Place called *Doboy Island*; where we sat very comfortably round a large Fire, and praised the LORD with joyful Lips, for providing such a Place for our Safety.—*Oh God, thou and thou only art our Refuge against every Storm! O be thou my Guide even unto Death!*

DOBOY and DARIEN.

Friday, February 21. Continued all Day Yesterday, to my abundant Satisfaction, and Spiritual Advantage on *Doboy Island*, and finding the Wind still continue high and contrary, we thought it best to return back to *Darien*, where we arrived this Day about Noon.—The People were much pleased at our Return; and tho' I wanted to see my dear Family at *Savannah*, yet I felt such a peculiar Satisfaction within myself, as gave me Hopes GOD intended some Good for the *Scots* People at *Darien*.—*Oh that they may have some Spiritual Gift imparted to their Souls!*

Sunday, February 24. Preached once Yesterday and twice To-day. Prayed with a sick Person. Spent some Hours in discoursing with a well-disposed Family.—Was enabled to see more of the Vileness of my Heart and Nature.—Felt GOD's Spirit striving with my Spirit; and upon many Accounts, both bodily and spiritual, had Reason to bless GOD for bringing me to, and detaining me at *Darien*.—I have Reason to say, *It is good for me that I have been here.*—Retirement is a sweet Means to keep up and quicken the Divine Life.—*LORD, grant I may never be afraid to converse with thee and myself!*

SAVANNAH.

Thursday, February 28. Preached on *Monday*, and on *Tuesday* settled a School both for grown Persons and Children at the *Darien*, to the great Satisfaction of the Inhabitants—Set out with my Friends and four Orphans on *Tuesday* Evening.—Had pleasant Weather.—Lay two Nights in the Woods.—Reached *Bethesda* about Noon; was pleased with the Improvements that had been made in my Absence.—Was refreshed with some comfortable Christian Letters that I received from *New-York*.—Took Horse and came home to my dear Family at *Savannah*; who received me with abundance of Love and Joy.—The People also of the Parish I found were re-

joiced at my Coming.—They flocked to and seemed very attentive at Public Worship.—GOD also was pleased to grant me some peculiar Vouchsafements of his Blessed Presence in my Soul, and I was comforted on every Side.—*LORD, prepare me for an Hour of Temptation. Amen, LORD JESUS ! Amen and Amen.*

Tuesday, March 11. Buried this Evening one of the Women that came over with me, who I trust died in the LORD.—The Orphans sung before the Corpse from our House to the Court-House, where I preached, and after that gave another Word of Exhortation at the Grave.—My Soul was much affected with the Awfulness of the Solemnity.—The Word came with Power.—*I pray GOD it may make such a deep Impression upon all our Hearts, that we may be so wise as practically to consider our latter End !*

CHARLES-TOWN.

Friday, March 14. Arrived last Night at *Charles-Town*, being called there to see my Brother who lately came from *England*, and brought me a Packet of Letters from my dear Friends.—*Blessed be GOD ! his Work goes on amongst them !*—Waited on the Commissary, with my Brother and other Companions, but met with a cool Reception.—After I had been there a little while, I told him that I was informed he had some Questions to propose to me, and that I was now come to give him all the Satisfaction I could in answering them.—Upon this I immediately perceived Passion begin to arise in his Heart.—Yes, Sir, says he, I have several Questions to put to you.—But, added he, you are got above us, or something to that Purpose.—Then he charged me with Enthusiasm and Pride, for speaking against the generality of the Clergy, and desired I would make my Charge good.—I told him I thought I had already : But as yet I had scarce begun with them.—He then asked me wherein the Clergy were so much to blame ? — I answered, they did not preach up Justification by Faith alone : And upon talking with the Commissary, I found he was as ignorant of it as any of the rest.—He then intor'd me with

with telling me of my Modesty, expressed in my Letter to the Bishop of *Gloucester*.—Charged me with breaking the Canons and Ordination Vow: And notwithstanding I told him I was ordained by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of *London*, yet in a great Rage he told me, if I preached in any public Church in that Province, he would suspend me.—I replied, I shall regard that as much as I would a Pope's Bull.—But, Sir, said I, why should you be offended at my speaking against the generality of the Clergy; for I always spoke worthily of you?—I might be as well offended, added my Brother, at your saying, the generality of People were notorious Sinners, and might come and accuse you for speaking evil of me, because I was one of the People.—I further added, Sir, you did not behave thus when I was with you last.—No, says he, you did not speak against the Clergy, or some such Thing. Because, replied I, more Light has been given me since that Time.—But, Sir, said I, if you will make an Application to yourself, be pleased to let me ask you one Question.—“Have you delivered your Soul by exclaiming against the Assemblies and Balls here?”—What, Sir, says he, must you come to catechise me?—No, says he, I have not exclaimed against them; I think there is no Harm in them.—Then, Sir, said I, I shall think it my Duty to exclaim against you.—Then, Sir, replied he in a very great Rage, Get you out of my House.—I made my Bow, and with my Friends took my leave, pitying the Commissary, who I really thought was more noble than to give such Treatment.—After this we went to public Prayers, dined at a Friend's House, drank Tea with the Independent Minister, and preached about four in the Afternoon to a large Auditory in his Meeting-House.—God was pleased to favour us with his Presence during Sermon, and I spent the Remainder of the Evening with my dear Brother and Companions: Who I trust will be all knit in one Communion and Fellowship, by Faith in a crucified God. Amen, so be it.

Saturday, March 15. Breakfasted, sung an Hymn, and had some Religious Conversation on board my Brother's Ship.—Preached in the Baptist Meeting House,

and was much pleased, when I heard afterwards, that from the same Pulpit a Person not long ago had preached, who denied the Doctrine of Original Sin, the Divinity and Righteousness of our dear LORD, and the Operation of GOD's Blessed Spirit upon the Soul.—I was led out to shew the utter Inability of Man to save himself, and absolute Necessity of his depending on the rich Mercies and Free Grace of GOD in CHRIST JESUS, in order to be restored to his Primitive Dignity.—Some I observed were put under Concern; and most seemed willing to know whether those Things were so.—In the Evening I preached again in the Independent Meeting-House, to a more attentive Auditory than ever: And had the Pleasure afterwards of finding that a Gentlewoman, whose whole Family had been carried away for some Time with Deistical Principles, began now to be unhinged, and to see that there was no Rest in such a Scheme for a fallen Creature to rely on.—*LORD JESUS! for thy Mercies Sake, reveal thyself in her Heart, and make her willing to know the Faith as it is in thee. Amen and Amen.*

Sunday, March 16. Preached by eight in the Morning at the Scots Meeting-House to a large Congregation. Visited a sick Person. Went to Church. Heard the Commissary represent me under the Character of the Pharisee, who came to the Temple, saying, *GOD, I thank thee that I am not as other Men are.*—But whether I do what I do, out of a Principle of Pride, or Duty, the Searcher of Hearts shall discover ere long, before Men and Angels.—Found my self very sick and weak at Dinner.—Went to Church again; and preached about five in the Independent Meeting-House Yard, the House itself being not near capacious enough to hold the Auditory.

*With restless and ungoverned Rage,
Why do the Clergy storm?
Why in such rash Attempts engage,
As they can ne'er perform?*

*The Great in Council and in Might,
 Their various Forces bring,
 Against the LORD, they all unite,
 And his anointed King.*

*Must we submit to their Commands,
 Presumptuously they say?
 No, let us break their slavish Bands,
 And cast their Chains away.*

*But GOD, who sits enthron'd on high,
 And sees how they combine,
 Does their conspiring Strength defy,
 And mocks their vain Design.*

Felt much Freedom after Sermon, in talking to a large Company at a Merchant's House; and then supped with another Friend.—Expounded Part of a Chapter, prayed and went to our Lodgings with my dear Companions, praising and blessing GOD. *Hasten that Time, O LORD, when we shall join the Heavenly Choir that is now about thy Throne.*

Monday, March 17. Preached in the Morning in the Independent Meeting-House; and was more explicate than ever in exclaiming against Balls and Assemblies, to which the People seemed to hearken with much Attention.—Preached again in the Evening, and being excited thereto by some of the Inhabitants, I spoke in behalf of my poor Orphans. GOD was pleased to give it his Blessing, and I collected upwards of Seventy Pounds *Sterling*, the largest Collection I ever yet received on that Occasion.—A further Earnest to me, that we shall yet see greater Things in *America*, and that GOD will carry on and finish the Work, begun in his Name at *Georgia*.

Tuesday, March 18. Preached twice again this Day, and took an affectionate Leave of, and gave Thanks to my Hearers for their great Liberality. Many wept, and my own Heart yearned much towards them. For I believe a good Work is begun in many Souls. Generally every Day several came to me, telling me with weeping Eyes, how GOD had been pleased to convince them by the Word preached, and how desirous they were

were of laying hold on and having an Interest in the compleat and everlasting Righteousness of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Numbers desired privately to converse with me.—Many sent me little Presents, as Tokens of their Love, and earnestly entreated that I would come amongst them again.—Invitations were given me from some of the adjacent Villages; and People daily came to Town more and more from their Plantations to hear the Word.—Providentially many of my Sermons, Journals, and my Answer to the Bishop of London lately printed, were sent from *Philadelphia*, which gave me an Opportunity of doing the more Good. The Congregations grew larger on the Week Days, and many Things concurred to induce us to think that GOD intends to visit some in *Charles-Town* with his Salvation. *Grant this, O Father! for thy dear Son's sake, CHRIST JESUS our LORD. Amen. Amen.*

S A V A N N A H.

Friday, March 21. Breakfasted at a Friend's House on *Wednesday* Morning, went on board the Sloop, prayed, sung an Hymn, and took a most affectionate Leave of my dear Brother and other Friends.—Got over the Bar and reached *Savannah* about Noon this Day, to the great Joy of my Friends and Family, who immediately joined with me in giving Thanks to GOD for the signal Mercies vouchsafed unto us since our last Parting.—*O how plentiful is thy Goodness, O LORD, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, even before the Sons of Men!*

Tuesday, March 25. Went this Day to *Bethesda*, and with full Assurance of Faith laid the first Brick of the great House. The Workmen attended, and with me kneeled down and prayed. After we had sung a Hymn suitable to the Occasion, I gave a Word of Exhortation to the Labourers, and bid them remember to work heartily, knowing that they worked for GOD and not for Man. Much Satisfaction seemed to be amongst them, and blessed be GOD's holy Name, his Work prospers much in our Hands! Near twenty Acres of Land

Land are cleared, and almost ready for Planting. Two Houses are already raised, and one near upon being finished. All the Timber for the Frame of the great House is sawn, and most of it brought to the Place where it is to be built. A good Part of the Foundation is dug, and many Thousands of Brick ready for Use. Near forty Children are now under my Care. I have many Pounds of Cotton spun ready for the Loom; and near a hundred Mouths are daily supplied with Food from our Store.—The Expence is great; but our Great and Good God, I am persuaded, will enable me to defray it. As yet I am kept from the least doubting. The more my Family encreases, the more Enlargement and Comfort I feel. And tho' what has been hitherto done, comparatively speaking, may be only like a Grain of Mustard Seed, yet I believe it will, in GOD's due Time, take Root and fill the Land, and many poor distressed Souls will come and lodge under the Branches of it.—*Set thy Almighty Fiat to it, O Gracious Father, and for thy own Name's Sake, let the unbelieving World know that thou never will forget those that put their Trust in thee!*

Sunday, March 30. Found my self very sick and weak in Body; but was strengthened notwithstanding, to go through most of the Duties of the Day, and to take an affectionate Leave of my dear Parishioners, because it appeared that Providence called me at this Time towards the Northward. An unspeakable Trouble and Agony of Soul did I feel most Part of the Day, and was enabled to wrestle with my LORD in behalf of the People in general, and those belonging to the *Orphan-House* in particular. Blessed be GOD he has already, and I trust in a great Measure, heard my Prayer. All Things belonging to the *Orphan-House* succeed beyond Expectation, and some of my little Flock have lately (as far as I can judge) been effectually called of GOD. One Woman, that had been a constant Attender on the Means of Grace, and thought herself a Christian for many Years, came to me acknowledging, that she had been a Self-Deceiver, and knew nothing of the Righteousness or true living Faith in JESUS CHRIST. A Tradesman of the same Stamp, having felt the Power of the Doctrines of Grace,
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sent me seventeen Volumes of Archbishop Tillotson's Sermons, of which he had been a great Admirer, to do what I would with them. A Captain of a Ship, who had been a strong Opposer of the Truth, wrote and came to me under great Convictions, confessing his Sin, and desirous to be a Christian indeed. Some others also there are who have received the Love of GOD in the Truth of it. So that I hope, if ten Saints could preserve *Sodom*, the few righteous Souls left behind, will prevent the utter Desolation of declining *Savannah*.—*Blessed JESUS! let our Extremity be thy Opportunity, and for thy Mercy's Sake, take the Colony into thine own Hands; so shall we sing and praise thy Power!*

Wednesday, April 3. Read Prayers, as usual, as soon as it was light, expounded the Lesson, and then went on board with several of my Family and my Parishioners, whose Hearts GOD has touched by his Grace. The Weather was very pleasant, and we spent the Day to our mutual Edification and Comfort.—In the Evening we wept over and took Leave of each other; and the Searcher of Hearts only knows what yearnings I felt in my own Soul. I have always observed, that I am under a greater Concern, when leaving *Savannah*, than any other Place in the World: For it has proved a blessed Place for my Soul; and leaving my Companions, and more particularly familiar Friends, gives Nature a deeper Wound than any other outward Trial.—*Dearest Redeemer, guide and preserve them in my Absence, for thy infinite Mercy's Sake! Amen. Amen.*

PENNSILVANIA.

Sunday, April 13. Newcastle. After a short Passage of ten Days, (in which GOD was pleased to exercise my Body with Sicknes, and my Soul with Spiritual Conflicts) we cast Anchor about eight this Morning at *Newcastle*, in the Province of *Pensilvania*. Mr. G—, at whose House I lodged when last there, very courteously received both me and my Friends. The Minister of the Parish, who has been an Advocate for me, but was now sick, readily accepted my Offer to officiate for him. I read

read Prayers and preached twice in his Church. In the Morning I was much carried out ; and in the Evening the Word came with Power. People were surprized, but much rejoiced at the News of my Arrival, which they expressed by flocking, as soon as they were apprized of my Coming, to hear the Afternoon's Sermon. Mr. *Charles Tennant*, mentioned in my last, came with great Part of his Congregation. And People began to invite me several Ways to come and preach to them : But being in Haste to go to *Philadelphia*, I appointed to preach on the Morrow at *Willingtown*, which lay in the Way. Thither I went, with Mr. *Tennant* and other Friends, after Evening Service ; and my Soul was much rejoiced, in hearing how mightily the Word of GOD had prevailed since I was at *Pensilvania* last. The LORD was also pleased to give new Strength to my Body, and I wanted Words to express my Gratitude for this and all his other innumerable Mercies from Time to Time showered down upon me.

*My Soul, inspir'd with sacred Love,
 GOD's Holy Name for ever blefs :
 Of all his Favours mindful prove,
 And still thy humble Thanks express.*

*'Tis he that all thy Sins forgives,
 And after Sicknefs makes thee sound :
 From Danger he thy Life retrieves,
 By him with Grace and Mercy crown'd.*

*The LORD abounds with tender Love,
 And unexampled Acts of Grace ;
 His weaken'd Wrath doth slowly move,
 His willing Mercy flies apace.*

*Let every Creature jointly blefs
 The mighty LORD ; and thou, my Heart,
 With grateful Joy thy Thanks express,
 And in this Consort bear thy Part.*

Willingtown and Philadelphia.

Monday, April 14. Had sweet Visitations from above, and felt much of the Divine Presence and Refreshings of GOD's Spirit in my Soul. Preached to near 3000 People about eleven in the Morning; and GOD was pleased to be amongst us, as in the Holy Place of *Sinai*.—Many went away refreshed and comforted, and several importunate Visitations were given me to preach in several Country Places round about. After Sermon, I and my Friends dined at a Quaker's, who seemed to have a right Spirit within him, and could speak as one experienced in the Things of GOD. Numbers embraced me with the tenderest Affection, and blessed the LORD of all Lords for sending me back to them again. As soon as Dinner was over, we took Horse, baited at *Chester*, (where the Landlord of the House would take nothing either for the Entertainment of ourselves or Horses) and reached *Philadelphia* about eight in the Evening. GOD was here again pleased to vouchsafe me great Enlargements of Heart; and it is impossible to express the Joy many felt when they saw my Face again. O how did they comfort my Heart with the Account of what GOD had done for their own and many other People's Souls, by the Doctrine I had delivered when there last. The Baptist Minister in particular, who has been made instrumental to water what GOD had planted, recounted to me many noble Instances of GOD's Power of Free-Grace, shewn in the Conviction and Conversion of some Ministers, as well as common People.—*Oh that the LORD may revive his Work in the Midst of the Years. The World is now up in Arms. Blessed JESUS, do thou now gird on thy Sword upon thy Thigh, and whilst the Kings of the Earth are striving to extend their Dominions, do thou secretly carry on thy Kingdom in Believers Hearts, till the Earth be filled with the Knowledge of thee our LORD, as the Waters cover the Sea!*

PHILADELPHIA.

Tuesday, April 15. Paid my Respects to the Governor and Proprietor. Went to the Commissary's House,

Houſe, who was not at home : But afterwards ſpeaking to him in the Street, he ſoon told me that he could lend me his Church no more, becauſe I had not treated the Biſhop of *London* well in my Answer to his late Paſtoral Letter ; and alſo had miſquoted and miſrepreſented Archbiſhop *Tillotſon*, in a Letter publiſhed in the laſt Week's Gazette. I told him he had beſt ſhew that in Public.—He replied, the Printers would not publiſh any Thing for them, and that the Preſs was ſhut up againſt them. I answered, it was without my Knowledge. Upon this we parted ; and in the Afternoon I was much preſſed in Spirit to preach upon the Blind Beggar, to whom the Scribes and Pharifees ſaid, *Doeſt thou teach us ?*—I ſtood upon a Balcony on *Society Hill*, from whence I preached my Farewell Sermon laſt Fall ; and felt ſomewhat of that Divine Fire and inward Strength which I am perſuaded the poor Beggar felt, when bearing his Teſtimony for the Bleſſed JESUS, before a Bench of Wolves in Sheep's Cloathing. Towards the Concluſion of my Diſcourſe, I read to the People ſome Extracts I had taken from Dr. *Edwards* againſt Archbiſhop *Tillotſon's* Writings ; and then appealed to them where was the Preſumption in pretending to teach even *Him*.—It cannot be expreſſed how many carnal Hearts were diſturbed by my Teſtimony againſt the Archbiſhop, that great and good Man, as they call him. But before I have done, I do not deſpair of ſeeing People bring his Works, as they once brought the Books of curious Arts, and burn them before all Men.—It is difficult to determine which have done the moſt Miſchief.—*Have Compaſſion, ſweeteſt JESUS ! on thy Flock, and ſuffer them no longer to be given over to ſuch Guides, who had the Form of Religion, but never felt the effectual Power of it in their Hearts !*

Wednesday, April 16. Talked in the Morning with three or four who were convicted, and I believe I can ſay, converted by my Miniſtry laſt Fall.—In the Afternoon two Men came to me ; one of which with a full Heart, cried out, Bleſſed be GOD, for you, under Him, have begotten me again to a lively Hope.—Preached upon *Society Hill* twice ; in the Morning to about 6000, in the Evening to near 8000 People.—GOD was much

with me in both Exercises.—In the Afternoon I was particularly assisted in speaking to these Words, *Yea, and all that will live godly in CHRIST JESUS must suffer Persecution.*—The Storm, I find, is gathering apace.—As the Word of GOD increases, so will the Rage and Opposition of the Devil.—*LORD, support us in a Suffering Hour, and overshadow us by thy Wings till the Tyranny of our Adversaries shall be overpast! Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen.*

Abington and Philadelphia.

Thursday, April 17. Rode last Night after Sermon about eight Miles.—Lay at a Friend's House, and preached this Morning to near 3 or 4000 People at *Abington*, a District under the Care of one Mr. *Treat* (a Dissenting Minister) to whom GOD has been pleased lately to shew Mercy.—He has been a Preacher of the Doctrines of Grace for some Years; but was deeply convinced, when I was here last, that he had not experienced them in his Heart.—And soon after I went away, he attempted to preach, but could not. He therefore told his Congregation, how miserably he had deceived both himself and them; and desired them that were gifted, to pray for him.—Ever since, he has continued to seek JESUS CHRIST sorrowing, and is now under deep Convictions, and a very humbling Sense of Sin.—He preaches as usual, tho' he has not a full Assurance of Faith; because he said it was best to be found in the Way of Duty. I believe GOD is preparing him for great Services, and I hope he will also be a Means of awakening some dead, false-hearted Preachers among the Dissenters, who hold the Form of sound Words, but never felt the Power of them in their own Souls.—I observed a great Presence of GOD in our Assembly, and the Word, as I was informed afterwards, came with a Soul-convicting and comforting Power to many.—When I had done, I took a little Refreshment, baptized a Child, and hastened to *Philadelphia*, where I preached to upwards of 10000 People, upon the Woman that was cured of her bloody Issue.—Hundreds I found, were graciously melted; and many, I hope, not only thronged round, but also touched the LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST by Faith. Near ten came to me after Sermon, under deep Convictions, and could tell me the Time when, and Manner how the LORD JESUS made himself manifest to their Souls.—What gives me greater Hopes that this Work is of GOD, is, because these Convictions have remained on many ever since I was here last. Some have not only Righteousness and Peace, but also Joy in the HOLY GHOST.—Blessed be GOD, there is a most glorious Work begun in this Province. The Word of GOD every Day mightily prevails, and Satan loses Ground apace.—*LORD JESUS, stretch out thy Arm, and let not this Work be stopped till we see that new Heaven and new Earth wherein dwelleth Righteousness!*

German-Town and White-Marsh.

Friday, April 18. Was employed for two Hours this Morning in giving Answers to several that came to me under strong Convictions; amongst whom was a Negroe or two, and a young Girl of about fourteen Years of Age, who was turned out of the House where she boarded, because she would hear me, and would not learn to dance.—Set out about nine o' Clock for *White-Marsh*, about twelve Miles from *Philadelphia*.—Had near forty Horse in Company before we reached the Place. Preached to upwards of 2000 People, and perceived great Numbers much melted down, and brought under Convictions, when I made free Offers to them of JESUS and his Benefits, if they would believe on him.—Took a little Refreshment at a Quaker's. Baptized two Children belonging to the Church of *England* at his House.—Returned back to and preached at *German-Town*, with much of the Divine Presence, to near 4000 Hearers, and came to *Philadelphia* about seven in the Evening, refreshed both in Body and Soul.—*Blessed be the LORD GOD of Jacob, who seems to be building up his Spiritual Jerusalem, and to be gathering together the Outcasts of Israel.*

PHILADELPHIA.

Saturday, April 19. Was still much engaged in giving Answers, and praying with divers that applied to me under deep Convictions of their damnable Condition by Nature. Preached Morning and Evening to 7 or 8000 People each Time; and it much rejoiced my Heart to see with what Order and Devotion they constantly attend.—Scoffers seem to be at a Stand what to say. They mutter in Coffee-Houses, give a Curse, drink a Bowl of Punch, and then cry out against me for not preaching up more Morality. Poor Men! where is the Morality they so much boast of? If God judges them, as he certainly will do, by their Morality, on which they so much rely; out of their own Mouths will he condemn them. Their Morality, falsely so called, will prove their Damnation. They say, but do not. And how can they, since they are ignorant of a living Faith in JESUS CHRIST, which alone can enable us to do any Thing acceptable in the Sight of God.—*From such profane Moralists may I turn away. My Soul, come not nigh their Dwellings. Mine Honour, be not thou united unto them.*

Sunday, April 20. Preached this Morning at seven o' Clock with much Clearness and Freedom, to about 10,000 People, and collected 110 *l. Sterling* for my poor Orphans. The People threw in their Mites willingly, and thereby reminded me much of what God had done for me at *Moorfields* and *Kennington-Common*, when I was last in *England*. Went to Church Morning and Evening; and heard the Commissary preach a Sermon upon *Justification by Works*, from *James ii. 18.*—Many People seeing me go in, followed; and Numbers of them told me afterwards, the Commissary (tho' undesignedly) had confirmed them more and more in the Truths which I had delivered. In the Evening I preached from the same Words to about 15,000 People, and confuted the false Doctrines and many fundamental Errors contained in the Commissary's Discourse. For he all along took Faith to be only an Assent to the Truths of the Gospel.

Gospel. He said, *St. Paul* and *St. James* spoke of the same Kind of Justification. That Works mentioned by *St. Paul* were only the Works of the Ceremonial Law. That the Doctrine of an imputed Righteousness had done much Harm, and hindered the Conversion of the Heathens. That we were to be justified by our Works at the last Day, and consequently were to be justified in the same Manner now.—To all these Things I endeavoured to answer distinctly ; and was obliged, in the Conclusion of my Discourse, to tell the People, since CHRIST was not preached in the Church, they might go hear him preached where they could. After Sermon we collected 80 l. Currency for my Children in *Georgia*, and came home, rejoicing in Spirit, to see how Satan was continually bruising his own Head. Little do my Enemies think what Service they do me. If they did, one would think, out of Spite they would even desist from opposing me. *Oh what a good Master is JESUS CHRIST!*

Greenwich and Gloucester in the West-Jerseys.

Monday, April 21. Had fresh Application made to me by Persons under Convictions. Went by Water about four Miles, and then rode, in Company with many others, who came to meet me, to *Greenwich* in the *West-Jerseys*, and about twelve Miles from *Philadelphia*. There being a Mistake made in the News, about the Place where I was to preach, I had not above 1500 Hearers. At first I thought I was speaking to Stocks and Stones : But before I had done, the Power of the LORD came upon the Congregation, the HOLY GHOST overshadowed them, and a gracious Melting was visible in most that heard. Sermon being ended, I dined with my Friends ; was taken very ill in the Way ; lay down for about an Hour. Rode back to *Gloucester* ; where I took Horse in the Morning, and preached with some Power to about 1500 People. It being but four Miles distant from *Philadelphia*, many came in Boats from thence.—And the Moon shining very bright, we went back to Town very pleasantly. God was pleased to communicate fresh Strength to my Soul ; we sung Hymns good
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Part of the Way, and GOD enabled me to second them by a warm Exhortation. About eight at Night we reached *Philadelphia*, with no small Satisfaction in my own Soul, that I had this Day been plowing up some Fallow Ground, and opening a Way into a Place where I find there has been a great Famine of the Word of GOD.—I must confess I am, in that respect, like-minded with *St. Paul*, and desire to go chiefly where CHRIST has not been named.—*Oh that the LORD may endue me with his Meekness, Holiness and Zeal, and then after I preach to others, I shall not be a Castaway myself. Amen, LORD JESUS ! Amen.*

PHILADELPHIA.

Tuesday, April 22. Hearing a Sloop was going to *Georgia*, I shut up myself for some Time in the Morning, in order to write some Letters to my dear Friends at *Savannah*. Preached both Morning and Evening to rather larger Congregations than I have yet seen in a Week-day. There were not less than 10,000 People.—A sweet Power was amongst them ; and when I came to take my Farewell, being about to depart for *New-York* on the Morrow, a great Number was dissolved into Tears, and wept sorely. Many of the Negroes were also much affected, and I trust some will now experimentally know the LORD JESUS, and feel the Power of his Resurrection. This Day I bought 5000 Acres of Land on the Forks of *Delaware*. Ordered a large House to be built thereon for the Instruction of these poor Creatures. The Land, I hear, is exceeding rich. It is a Mannor, and pays only a White-Rose yearly for Chief Rent.—I took up so much, because I intend settling some *English* Friends there, when I come next from *England*. I have called it *Nazareth* ; and I trust in a few Years the LORD will let us see much Good come out of it.—*Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen.*

Went in the Evening to visit a young Woman under deep Convictions. She was struck down by the Power of GOD's Word on *Sunday*, and has continued, as *Paul* did, ever since sick in Body and under great Agony of Soul. I talked and prayed with her, and with near twenty

ty more that came into the Room. My Soul was exceedingly carried out, and the Power of the HOLY GHOST descended in a wonderful Manner upon most that were there. I also gave them a strong Exhortation. They wept sorely and prayed earnestly; and I have not seen Circumstances more like those of the Apostles, when the HOLY GHOST shook the Room, wherein they were lifting up their Voice with one Accord to the most High GOD. By this we know, O LORD, that thou art the same Yesterday, and To-day, and for ever.—*Grant that the HOLY GHOST may in like powerful Manner fall on all them that shall hear the Word from, or pray with me at any other Time! Amen, and Amen.*

N E S H A M I N I.

Wednesday, April 23. Was more than ordinarily employed the first Part of the Morning in writing Letters, answering People, and preparing for my Journey. Set out about eight with many Friends; baid at a Friend's House in the Mid-way.—Reached *Neshamini* near three in the Afternoon, and preached to upwards of 5000 People in old Mr. *Tennent's* Meeting-House Yard. When I came there, my Body, through Heat and Labour, was so weak and faint, that my Knees smote one against another, my Visage changed, and I was ready to drop down as soon as I had finished my Prayer. But GOD was pleased so to revive me, by Communications from himself, that I spoke with great Demonstration of the Spirit and with Power. A very great Commotion was in the Hearts of the Hearers. Great Numbers were much melted; and one in particular, after Sermon came to me with strong Cryings and Tears, saying, *You have brought me under deep Convictions, what shall I do to be saved?* I gave him the Apostle's Answer.—*Believe on the LORD JESUS, and thou shalt be saved.* 'Upwards of fifty, I hear, have been lately convicted about this Place.—*The LORD grant his Arrows may stick fast in them till they have got a Closing Interest with JESUS CHRIST.* For many, I find, *receive the Word with Joy for a Season, but having no true Root in themselves, soon fall away.* Better were it for them that always continue

thus, that they had never been convicted at all. *LORD, if it be thy Will, have Mercy on these and such-like unhappy Apostates, and let them be renewed again unto Repentance! Amen and Amen.*

Montgomery and Shippack.

Thursday, April 24. Was hospitably entertained with my Friends last Night at *Montgomery*, about eight Miles from *Neshamini*, whither I came to make this Day's Journey the easier. Wrote some more Letters to my Flock and Family at *Savannah*. Preached at *Shippack*, sixteen Miles from *Montgomery*, where the *Dutch* People live.— It was seemingly a very Wilderness Part of the Country; but there were not less, I believe, than 2000 Hearers. GOD was with me much at the latter End of the Sermon. And when I had done, *Peter Boehler*, a Deacon of the *Moravian* Church, a dear Lover of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, preached to his Countrymen in *Dutch*. Travelling and preaching in the Sun again, weakened me much, and made me very sick; but by the Divine Assistance I took Horse, rode twelve Miles, and preached in the Evening to about 3000 People at a *Dutch* Man's Plantation, who seemed to have drank deeply into GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. Here GOD much strengthened and quickened me. The *German* Brethren were exceeding loving to me, and I spent the Evening with many of them in a most agreeable Manner. The Order, Seriousness and Devotion of these People in common Life, is most worthy of Imitation. I never saw so much Simplicity as in them. Surely, GOD was with us this Night. They prayed and sung in their own Language, and then GOD enlarged my Heart to pray in ours. I know not when I have prayed with much greater Power; many Tears trickled down my Face, and afterwards I was in a great Agony in the Field. *Do thou, O blessed JESUS, who wast in an Agony in the Garden, hearken to the Petitions thou didst enable me in that Hour to put up!*

Amwell in the East Jerseys.

Friday, April 25. Rose before Day. Sung and prayed with my own Friends and the *German Brethren*. Set out before Sun-rising, and reached *Amwell*, thirty five Miles from *Shippack*, where I had appointed to preach by six at Night. Some Thousands of People were gathered together, expecting I would have been there by Noon; but Mr. *Gilbert Tennant* and Mr. *Rowland*, mentioned in my last Journal, coming there to meet me, had given the People three Sermons.—In my Way thither, the LORD was pleased to bring me low by inward Trials, and very great Weakness of Body, occasioned by the Heat of the Sun, want of Sleep, and the Length of the Journey. But before I had preached six Minutes, bodily and spiritual Strength were given me, and the LORD was pleased to set his Seal to what he enabled me to deliver.—After Sermon, a Friend took me in his Chair to an old Christian's, who invited me and my Company to his House, five Miles distant from the Place where I preached. We were comfortably refreshed under his Roof, and tho' my Body was weak, yet my Soul was strong in the LORD, and in the Power of his Might. *Oh that I may wax stronger and stronger every Day. Amen and Amen!*

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Saturday, April 26. Was much comforted and refreshed both in Body and Soul last Night, after I went to Rest. Sung Psalms, prayed, and set out for *New-Brunswick* about eight. Reached thither by four in the Afternoon, and preached to about 2000 Hearers in the Evening. Many were affected. Here also my true Christian Friend and Host, Mr. *Noble* from *New-York*, gave me the Meeting, and brought me a Packet of Letters from *Savannah*, which affected me much. Blessed be GOD, many of my Friends in the Orphan-House, I trust, will be Friends of GOD. *Grant this, O LORD, for thy Mercy's Sake!*

Sunday, April 27. Was told last Night by Mr. Gilbert Tennant, of two that were savingly brought home by my Ministry when here last.—Got a little Time to write a Letter to my *English* Friends, giving them a short Account of what GOD was doing here.—Preached Morning and Evening to near 7 or 8000 People : And GOD's Power was so much amongst us in the Afternoon Sermon, that had I proceeded, the Cries and Groans of the Congregation, I believe, would have drowned my Voice. One Woman was struck down, and a general Cry went through the Assembly. The Power of GOD fell much upon my Heart, and I believe the Word was sharper than a two-edged Sword. We collected both Times upwards of *L. 20 Sterling* for my Orphans ; and at Night a Woman came to me under strong Convictions. She told me she had often been somewhat moved ; but now she hoped GOD had struck her home.—She cried out, I can see nothing but Hell !—*Oh that all were in as good a Way to Heaven !*

Brunswick, Woodbridge, Elizabeth-Town and New-York.

Monday, April 28. Underwent great Conflicts in my Soul last Night and this Morning. Wrote some Letters to my dear *English* Friends, who are continually upon my Heart. Took a sorrowful Leave of Captain Gladman, and my dear Brother and Fellow-Traveller Mr. Seward, whom I have dispatched to *England* to bring me over a Fellow-Labourer, and to transact several other Affairs of the last Importance. Captain Gladman is the Person mentioned in my last Journal, who was cast away at the Gulph of *Florida* ; and whom GOD made me an Instrument of converting in my Passage to *England*.—Hitherto he has had the Command of our Sloop : But being obliged to dispatch him on Business to *England*, I have now committed the Care of the Sloop to his Mate, whom GOD was pleased to bring home to himself when I was last at *Philadelphia*. Not long since he was an abandoned Prodigal, and Ring-leader in Vice ; but GOD struck him to the Heart. Captain Gladman had
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prayed that GOD would send him a Mate. This young Man was strongly drawn to come and offer himself; the Captain hired him; and now, I believe, he is a Child of GOD. Numbers at *Philadelphia* cannot but see the new Creature in him; and yet the Doctrine of free Justification by Faith in CHRIST JESUS, does Harm to the Christian World.—Surely such Talkers plainly prove, that they never yet knew what it was to believe on the LORD JESUS with their whole Heart.

Set out about eight in the Morning, and reached *Woodbridge* by ten, where I preached to about 2000 People. Here again I perceived my bodily Strength was small; but GOD enabled me to speak home to many Hearts; for many were affected, blessed be GOD.—After Sermon, I and my Friends dined at the Dissenting Minister's House, who invited me to preach; and then we hasted to *Elizabeth-Town*, where the People had been waiting for me some Hours.—I preached in the Meeting-House, as when I was there last. It was full, and was supposed to contain 2000 People. Near ten Dissenting Ministers were present, and two Church Ministers; but they did not tarry very long. GOD gave me much Freedom of Speech. I dealt very plainly with the Presbyterian Clergy; many of whom, I am persuaded, preach the Doctrines of Grace to others, without being converted themselves. No doubt some were offended: But I care not for any Sect or Party of Men. As I love all that love the LORD JESUS, of what Communion soever; so I'll reprove all, whether Dissenters, or not Dissenters, who take his Word into their Mouths, but never felt him dwelling in their Hearts. Such close-hearted Hypocrites are the Bane of the Christian Church.—*LORD JESUS, convince and convert them for thy Mercy's Sake! Amen and Amen.*

After Sermon I took Leave of Mr. Gilbert Tennant, and Mr. Gross, a Minister mentioned in my last Journal, who accompanied me thus far, and told me their Souls were much refreshed by this Day's Work. *LORD, not unto me, not unto me, but unto thy Name be all the Glory!*

After I parted from them, I intended to ride six Miles: But being over-ruled by the Advice of Friends,

I stopped, and lay at an Inn all Night, near the Water-side, where People take Boat to go to *New-York*. Our Conversation tended to the Use of edifying; and GOD was pleased to give me an Appetite to my bodily Food, which I have not had before for some Time. Surely this frail Body cannot hold me long.—*When, O LORD, wilt thou set my imprisoned Soul at Liberty! When shall I be dissolved and be with thee, O CHRIST! LORD, give me Patience to wait till that blessed Time come!*

NEW-YORK.

Tuesday, April 29. Took Boat about nine in the Morning.—Was blessed with a fair Gale of Wind, which brought us to *New-York* before Noon.—Here my dear Friends kindly received me, and here also I met with Mr. *William Tennant*, who refreshed my Heart, by telling me what the LORD was doing for Numbers of Souls in the Highlands, where he has lately been.—Surely JESUS CHRIST is getting himself the Victory indeed! About five in the Evening I preached in the Common to 5 or 6000 People. But observed no Scoffers, as when I was here last.—The People were still and quiet after I began; and tho' I did not perceive much Power in the Congregation, yet GOD enabled me to speak with all Boldness. *Oh that I may never be ashamed of CHRIST or of his Gospel: For it has been the Power of GOD to my Salvation. O Grace! Grace!*

Wednesday, April 30. Preached this Morning from a Scaffold, erected for that Purpose, to a somewhat less Congregation than the last Night, but with much greater Power: For towards the Conclusion of my Discourse, GOD's Spirit came upon the Preacher and the People, so that they were melted down exceedingly.—Afterwards I began to collect Money from private Hands for my Orphans, and met with Success.—*Blessed be GOD! who has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands.*—Dined at Mr. *P—'s*, but was obliged to retire as soon as Dinner was over; for my Body was weak, and my Soul was in an unspeakable Agony for near an Hour. At length I dropt asleep, but rose about five in the Evening, and preached
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to upwards of 6 or 7000 People on our LORD's Temptations.— *Oh that I may follow the Captain of my Salvation, and be willing to be tempted in all Things like unto my Brethren, that I may be experimentally able to succour such as apply to me when tempted ! Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen.*

Flat-Bush on Long-Island.

Thursday, May 1. Went in a Ferry this Morning, over to *Flat-Bush* on *Long-Island*; on the East Part of which, GOD has lately begun a most glorious Work, by the Ministry of two young Presbyterian Ministers, who have walked in an uncommon Light of GOD's Countenance for a long while together. *Prosper thou, O LORD, more and more the Work of their Hands upon them ! Oh prosper thou their handy Work !*

At our coming to *Flat-Bush*, the *Dutch* Ministers received me with all Civility, and gave me the Use of their Church. There were also seven or eight Dissenting Ministers present.—I scarce was ever enabled to speak of the Doctrines of Grace with greater Freedom and Clearness. I continued discoursing on the Knowledge we ought to have of JESUS CHRIST near an Hour and a Half.—GOD's Spirit went through the Congregation. Many People, and some of the Ministers wept. My own Soul was wonderfully carried out; and at last I applied myself to the Ministers themselves.—*Oh that we all were a Flame of Fire !*

About two in the Afternoon, having a fair Wind, we returned to *New-York*; where I received another comfortable Packet of Letters from *Charles-Town* and *Savannah*, amongst which were two or three from my little Orphans. Here GOD was pleased again to humble me both in Body and Soul, and caused me to mourn, like a Sparrow sitting alone upon the House-Top. I preached in the Evening at *New-York* to as large a Congregation as ever. But my Spirits being exhausted, and GOD being pleased to suspend his wonted Assistance, I preached, as I thought, but heavily. But I have been too apt to build on my Frames, and think I do no good, or do not please GOD, only because I do not please myself: For I have

have often found, that my seemingly less powerful Discourses have been much owned by GOD.—And I find it absolutely necessary that Gospel Ministers should meet with such Thorns in the Flesh, that both Ministers and Hearers may know themselves to be but Men.—*LORD, shew that thou dost love me, by humbling and keeping me humble as long as I live! The Means I leave to thee. I am thy Clay, thou art the Potter, mould me, as it seemeth good to thy Sovereign Good-will and Pleasure! Amen and Amen.*

NEW-YORK.

Friday, May 2. Preached twice in the Field, and once in the Meeting-House, and was agreeably refreshed in the Evening with one Mr. *Davenport*, whom GOD has lately highly honoured, by making Use of his Ministry for the Conversion of many at the East End of *Long-Island*. His Soul seemed to be much wrapped up in GOD, and he told me that GOD had brought home several Children about eleven or twelve Years old, as well as many grown Persons. He has been favoured with large Communications from the Blessed JESUS, and is looked upon as an Enthusiast and a Madman by many of his Reverend Pharisaical Brethren: And, as far as I can find, there is as great an Enmity against the Work of GOD in the Hearts of most even of the Dissenters, tho' they preach the Doctrines of Grace, as there is in our Clergy, who, for the generality, intirely disown them. As *Jannes* and *Jambres* withstood *Moses*, so do these also resist the Truth. *Men they are of corrupt Minds, and reprobate concerning the Faith.* But I trust they will not proceed much farther; for their Folly shall be manifest unto all Men, as theirs also was.—*Hasten that blessed Time, my LORD and my GOD!*

Sunday, May 4. Preached by seven in the Morning in the Meeting-House.—Went to the *English Church* twice, and heard two legal Sermons, tho' not quite so bad as those I heard when here last. Preached in the Evening to about 8000 in the Field, and had a comfortable Evidence that the LORD was amongst us. I had much of the

the Divine Presence in my own Soul, tho' I have not felt such continual Enlargement of Heart, as when I was here before. I believe, it is because mine Adversaries have been more silent, and have not so openly opposed the Truths of GOD, tho' their secret Enmity is as great, nay, I believe, greater than ever.—To speak against the favourite Writings of Archbishop Tillotson, and the Author of the *Whole Duty of Man*, grieves them to the Heart; and yet Fear of the People restrains their Fury for the present. By and by, the Number of our LORD's Disciples will be gathered in, and then they must be permitted to bruise our Heel. — LORD, *prepare me, LORD, strengthen me against a Suffering Time. Thou, Son of GOD, take me by the Hand, and then I care not, if I am thrown into a fiery Furnace, or cast into a Den of devouring Lions.*

*Give me thy Strength, O GOD of Pow'r,
Then let, or Men or Fiends assail:
Strong in thy Strength, I'll stand a Tow'r
Impregnable to Earth or Hell.*

After Evening Sermon, Numbers came to me, giving GOD Thanks for what they had heard. They were desirous of my Return amongst them again, and brought several large Contributions for my poor Orphans. Blessed be GOD! by public Collections and private Donations, I have received upwards of 300 l. since I came hither; and I doubt not but my dear LORD will always provide for my little Ones.—*Oh what a blessed Thing is it to live upon GOD!* I believe *Elijah* never lived more comfortably than when fed by the Ravens.—LORD, *increase my Faith!* and accept of my poor Thanks for what thou hast done for me and thy People, during my short Stay here. Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen!

Stratton-Island, Freehold and Amboy.

Monday, May 5. Prayed with, and parted in an affectionate Manner from my dear New-York Friends last Night. About ten o'Clock, took Boat with my worthy Host Mr. Noble, and some others, and came by Midnight to Stratton-
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Island, where we were kindly received by one of our LORD's true Disciples. Not long after our coming ashore, the Wind blew, and the Weather grew very tempestuous, and so continued all the Morning; but GOD strengthened my weak Body.—About eleven I set out; preached at a Place appointed on the Island, about seven Miles distant, and afterwards hastened to *Amboy*, about twelve Miles farther, and preached again a little after six in the Evening.—I sent to the Minister of the Place for the Use of his Pulpit: But he was very angry, and said he wondered at my Assurance in asking such a Thing.—It being such rainy Weather, only a few People came, and I did not feel much Power in preaching to them.—After Sermon, my Friends advised me to stay at *Amboy* all Night: But my dear Brother and Fellow-Labourer Mr. *William Tennant* coming to fetch me, I passed over a Ferry with him and his Brother *Gilbert*, who also came to *Amboy* to meet me. With them I set out for *Freehold*, twenty Miles from *Amboy*, the Place where GOD has more immediately called Mr. *William Tennant*.—Oh how sweetly did the Time glide on, and our Hearts burn within us when we opened the Scriptures, and communicated our Experiences to each other. Our LORD was with us, as with the two Disciples going to *Emaus*.—About Midnight we reached *Freehold*; and about two in the Morning retired to Rest. My Body was weak, but my Soul much comforted; and I think I sleep with double Satisfaction when lying in a good Man's House.—For the Angels of the LORD encamp about the Dwellings of the Righteous.—*Oh that we may be like them, and be unwearied in administering to and watching over those who are Heirs of everlasting Salvation.*

Freehold, Amboy and Burlington.

Tuesday, May 6. Preached at *Freehold* in the Morning to about 3000, and the Power of GOD was much manifested, and many, I believe, brought under Convictions. Took a little Refreshment, and went in Company with many of GOD's Children to *Allen's Town*, about sixteen Miles from *Freehold*. Preached with Power
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to about 3000 more, and afterwards reached *Burlington*, about twenty Miles farther, by Midnight.—As I came along, a Man who had been dissuaded from coming to hear me, came to me under strong Convictions, and desirous to follow me whithersoever I went. I scarce know a Day wherein I have not had several apply to me for the same Purpose, and under the same Circumstances. It is natural for Persons to be desirous of being with those, who have, under GOD, brought them from Darkneſs to Light. Thus the Man out of whom the Devil had been caſt, deſired to go with the Bleſſed JESUS. But our LORD's Answer I find beſt to be given. “Go home to thy Houſe, and tell what great Things the LORD hath done for thee.” — Deareſt Redeemer, teach me in this, and all other Reſpects, to follow thy perfect unerring Example. Amen and Amen.

Bristol in Penſilvania and Philadelphia.

Wednesday, May 7. Had a little refreshing Sleep; croſſed a Ferry over into *Penſilvania* Province. Preached to about 4000 at *Bristol*, and made all poſſible Haſte to *Philadelphia*, twenty Miles off, where I was received with great Joy and Satisfaction by my kind Hoſt Mr. B—t, and many other Friends.—After diſpatching ſome private Affairs, I went and heard Mr. *Jones* the Baptiſt Miniſter, who preached the Truth as it is in JESUS.—He is the only Preacher that I know of in *Philadelphia*, who ſpeaks feelingly and with Authority. The poor People are much reſreſhed by him, and I truſt the LORD will bleſs him more and more.—Pity, O deareſt JESUS, thy poor People, and ſuffer them no longer to be ſcattered abroad, as Sheep having no Shepherds!

PHILADELPHIA.

Thursday, May 8. Had, what my Body much wanted, a thorough Night's Repoſe; was much reſreſhed in Spirit, and was called up very early in the Morning, as I am always, to ſpeak to poor Souls under Convictions. The firſt, I think, was an *Indian* Trader, whom GOD was pleaſed to bring home by my preaching when here

last. The Account he gave of GOD's Dealings with him was very satisfactory.—He is just come from the *Indian* Nation, where he has been praying with and exhorting all he met, that were willing to hear: Some of the *Indians* he had Hopes of: But his Fellow-Traders endeavoured to prejudice them against him. However, by my Advice, he proposes visiting them again at the Fall: And I humbly hope the LORD will open a Door amongst the poor Heathen.—The Conversion of one of their Traders I take to be one great Step towards it.—*LORD, carry on the Work begun. Fulfil thy ancient Promises, and let thy Son have the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the utmost Parts of the Earth for his Possession. Come, LORD JESUS, come quickly!*

Conversed also with a poor Negroe Woman, who has been visited in a very remarkable Manner. GOD was pleased to convert her by my Preaching the last Fall; but being under Dejections on *Sunday* Morning, she prayed that Salvation might come to her Heart, and that the LORD would be pleased to manifest himself to her Soul that Day. Whilst she was at Meeting, hearing one Mr. *M—n*, a Baptist Preacher, whom the LORD has been pleased lately to send forth, the Word came with such Power upon her Heart, that at last she was obliged to cry out; and such a great Concern also fell upon many in the Congregation, that several betook themselves to secret Prayer. The Minister stop'd, and several persuaded her to hold her Peace: But the Glory of the Lord shone so brightly round about her, that she could not help praising and blessing GOD, and telling how GOD was revealing himself to her Soul. After some Time, she was taken out of the Meeting-House; but she fell upon her Knees, praising and blessing GOD. She continued in an Agony for some considerable Time; and afterwards came in and heard the Remainder of the Sermon.—Many since this, have called her mad, and said she was full of new Wine: But the Account she gave me was rational and solid, and I believe in that Hour the LORD JESUS took a great Possession of her Soul. Such Cases indeed have not been very common: But when an extraordinary Work is carrying on, GOD generally manifests him-

himself to some Souls in this extraordinary Manner. And I doubt not, but when the poor Negroes are to be called, GOD will highly favour them, to wipe off their Reproach, and to shew that *he is no Respector of Persons, but that whosoever believeth in him shall be saved.*

Preached in the Morning about eleven to 6 or 7000 People. Had great Freedom of Spirit, and cleared myself from some Aspersions that had been cast upon my Doctrine, as tho' it tended to *Antinomianism*. But I abhor the Thoughts of it ; and whosoever entertains the Doctrines of Free-Grace in an honest Heart, will find, they will in their own Nature cause him to be fruitful in every good Word and Work.—Many expressed how the Power of GOD was amongst them ; and I believe GOD has much People in *Philadelphia* City. The Congregations are very large and serious, and I have scarce preached this Time amongst them but I have seen a stirring amongst the dry Bones.—At five in the Evening I preached again with the like Power, but rather to a larger Audience ; and after Sermon rode ten Miles to a Friend's House, that I might be in readiness to preach according to Appointment the next Morning.—How differently am I treated from my Master ? He taught the People by Day, and abode all Night upon the Mount of *Olives*. He had not where to lay his Head : But go where I will, I find People with great Gladness receiving me into their Houses.—*LORD, I lack for nothing : O prepare me for a Suffering Time, and make me willing, naked, to follow a naked CHRIST. Amen. Amen.*

Pennypack and Philadelphia.

Friday, May 9. Preached at *Pennypack*, about three Miles Distance from the House where I lay, to about 2000 People. Eat a little Dinner. Came to *Philadelphia* about two in the Afternoon.—Agreed with Persons to build my Negroe Schools on the Land which I have lately purchased ; preached in the Evening with great Freedom and Power ; and afterwards began a Society of young Men, many of whom I trust will prove good Soldiers of *JESUS CHRIST. Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen and Amen !*

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Saturday, May 10. Tho' GOD has shewn me great Things already in this Place, yet to To-day I have seen greater. I preached twice with Power, and to larger Congregations than ever: And in the Evening went to settle a Society of young Women, who I hope will prove wise Virgins.—As soon as I entered the Room, and heard them singing, my Soul was uncommonly delighted. When the Hymn was over, I desired to pray before I began to converse: But, contrary to my Expectations, my Soul was so carried out that I had not Time to talk at all. A wonderful Power was in the Room, and with one Accord, they began to cry out and weep most bitterly for the Space of half an Hour. They seemed to be under the strongest Convictions, and did indeed seek JESUS sorrowing. Their Cries might be heard a great Way off. When I had done, I thought proper to leave them at their Devotions. They continued in Prayer (as I was informed by one of them afterwards) for above an Hour, confessing their most secret Faults: And at length the Agonies of some were so strong, that five of them seemed affected as those that are in Fits.—The present Captain of our Sloop going near the Water-side, was called into a Company almost in the same Circumstances; and at Midnight I was desired to come to one who was in strong Agonies of Body and Mind, but felt somewhat of Joy and Peace, after I had prayed with her several Times. Her Case put me in Mind of the young Man whom the Devil tore, when he was coming to JESUS. Some such-like bodily Agonies, I believe, are from the Devil; and now the Work of GOD is going on, he will, no doubt, endeavour by these to bring an evil Report upon it.—*But, O LORD, for thy Mercy's Sake, rebuke him; and tho' he may be permitted to bite thy Peoples Heel, fulfil thy Promise, and let the Seed of the Woman bruise his accursed Head. Amen. Amen!*

Sunday, May 11. Preached to about 15,000 People in the Morning, and observed a great Melting to follow the Word. Went twice to Church, and heard myself tasked by the Commissary, who preached from these Words; *I bear them Record, they have a Zeal of GOD,*
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but not according to Knowledge. I could have wished he had considered the next Words: *For they being ignorant of GOD's Righteousness, and going about to establish their own Righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the Righteousness of GOD.* Had he considered these Words, I might justly have said, Speaketh Mr. Commissary of this false Zeal in Reference to himself, or of some other Man? In the Afternoon, the Tenth of the *Romans*, out of which his Text was taken, was appointed for the Lesson; and had he not been more perverse than *Balaam*, it must have restrained the Madness of this false Prophet. But he exclaimed loudly against me in the Pulpit, and, as I soon found, obliged many of his Hearers to do what they were before inclined to, *viz.* resolve to leave him entirely. I bear him Record, that Experience will soon convince him, that whatever mine be, his own Zeal is by no means according to Knowledge. After he had done, I preached my Farewell Sermon to I believe very near 20,000 Hearers.—As the Commissary's Sermon was chiefly full only of personal Reflections, I thought it not proper to render Railing for Railing. However, I thought it my Duty, in an especial Manner to recommend Messrs. *Tennants* and their Associates, being most worthy Preachers of our dear LORD JESUS. One Passage out of the second Lesson for the Morning, much affected me. *And the LORD had Compassion on the Multitude, because they were scattered, as Sheep having no Shepherd.* I then reminded them of our LORD's Command, *Pray ye therefore the LORD of the Harvest, that he may send out Labourers into his Harvest: For tho' the Harvest is so great, the Labourers are very few.* The poor People were much concerned at my bidding them Farewell. And after I had taken my Leave, oh how many came to my Lodgings, sorrowing most of all that they were likely to see my Face no more for a long Season.—I believe near 50 Negroes came to give me Thanks, under GOD, for what had been done for their Souls. Oh how heartily did those poor Creatures throw in their Mites for my poor Orphans!—Some of them have been effectually wrought upon, and in an uncommon Manner. Many of them have now begun to learn to read.—And one that was free, said she would give me her two Children,

dren, whenever I settle my School.—I believe Masters and Mistresses will shortly see, that Christianity will not make their Negroes worse Slaves.—I intended, had Time permitted, to have settled a Society for Negroe Men and Negroe Women. But that must be deferred till it shall please GOD to bring me to *Philadelphia* again. I have been much drawn out in Prayer for them, and have seen them exceedingly wrought upon under the Word preached.—I cannot well express how many others of all Sorts came to give me a last Farewell. And indeed I never yet saw a more general Awakening in any Place. Religion is all the Talk; and I think I can say, the LORD JESUS hath gotten himself the Victory in many Hearts.—I have scarce had Time to eat Bread from Morning till Evening; some one or other was generally applying to me under deep Soul-Concern, and others continually pressing upon me to baptize their little Infants. I did comply with as many as I could; but I was obliged sometimes to say, The LORD sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel.—Many of the Quakers have been most powerfully convinced of the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST, and openly profess the Truth as it is in JESUS; for which I believe they will shortly be thrust out of their Synagogues. Some of their Head-Men are zealous against me, and are much afraid their Foundation will be sadly shaken. Great Numbers of the Inhabitants would have built me immediately a very large Church, if I would have consented: But the LORD, I am persuaded, would have his Gospel preached in the Fields; and building a Church would, I fear, insensibly lead the People into Bigotry, and make them place the Church again, as they have done for a long Time, in the Church-Walls. For these Reasons I declined it; tho' notwithstanding I believe they will build some Place or another.—What I mostly fear, now there is such a general Awakening, People will not know where to go for proper Food (for they will no longer take up with Husks; as they have done) and thereby fall into different Sects and Parties.—LORD JESUS, look upon them, let not Satan divide them again; but raise them up Pastors after thy own Heart, for thy infinite Mercy's Sake. Amen and Amen!—With preaching, and praying, and advising, I

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was truly weary by eight at Night. However, I went and baptized two Children ; took my Leave of both the Societies ; and I had not pray'd long in the Women's Society, but two of them fell down again into violent Fits, so that I was obliged to leave them.—At my Return home I supped with some Christian Friends, and went to Bed, astonished at, and desirous to be humbly thankful for the great Things the LORD has done for me at *Philadelphia*.—*Blessed be the LORD GOD of Israel, for he hath wonderfully visited this People, and raised up for them a Means of Salvation from whence it was least expected. Oh Grace, Grace!*

Derby, Chester and Willingtoun.

Monday, May 12. Rose very early to answer those who came for private Advice.—Visited three Persons, one of whom was under such deep Convictions, that she had taken scarce any Thing to eat for near a Fortnight. Another had a Prospect of Hell set before her last Night in the most terrifying Colours ; but before the Morning received Comfort.—When I came to my Lodgings, my Friends were waiting to accompany me on Horseback, and great Numbers of the common People were crowding about the Door. About nine I left *Philadelphia* ; and when I came to the Ferry, was told, People had been crossing over as fast as two Boats could carry them, ever since three in the Morning.—After we had waited some Time, I and my Friends got over and preached at *Derby*, seven Miles from *Philadelphia*, to about 4000 Hearers.—Sweetly did the LORD assist me in speaking to them ; and I believe many of the Hearers Hearts were ready to break, for they wept much.—After Sermon, and eating a little Food, I took Leave of many : Then preached at *Chester*, about nine Miles off, to about 2000, and collected there and at *Derby* upwards of L. 40 for my Orphans. Here also I parted with more Friends, but several went with me after Sermon to *Willingtoun*, fifteen Miles from *Chester*. We got in about eleven at Night. My Body was somewhat weak : But GOD strengthened me to pray, sing Psalms with, and exhort a Room full of People for about an Hour, and then I lay

at a Quaker's House, who I believe was a Christian indeed, and, as I observed before, could say *Shibboleth*.—*Oh that all of the like Denomination were like-minded.*

Willingtown and White-Clay Creek.

Tuesday, May 13. Preached at *Willingtown* in the Morning to about 5000 : And at *White-Clay Creek*, about ten Miles distant, in the Evening, to about 3000. A great Presence of GOD was in both Places, especially at *White-Clay Creek*, a Place under the Care of Mr. *William Tennant*. The Word, I believe, was both like a Fire and a Hammer ; for many were exceedingly melted, and one cried out most bitterly, as in great Agonies of Soul. At both Places we collected about *L. 24* for the *Orphan-House*, and the People were very solicitous for me to bring our Sloop up their Creek, the next Time I came, that they might put in Provisions.—Never did I see a more plentiful Country than *Pensylvania*. I have seen but very few poor Objects since my Arrival. Every one almost enjoys Peace and Plenty. The Rich do not swallow up the Poor, as in other Provinces ; but there seems to be a proper Balance.—After Sermon I rode towards *Nottingham* with Mr. *Tennant*, Mr. *Craghead* and Mr. *Blair*, all worthy Ministers of the dear LORD JESUS. The last, especially, has been remarkably owned of GOD, and for that has been despised by his Reverend, Pharisaical, Letter-learned Brethren. Many others belonging to *Philadelphia* accompanied us, and we rode through the Woods, most sweetly singing and praising GOD. We were all rejoiced to see our dear LORD's Kingdom come with such visible Power, and endeavoured to strengthen one another against a Suffering Time should come. *May the great Shepherd make us willing, when called to it, to lay down our Lives for his Sheep. Amen. Amen !*

NOTTINGHAM.

Wednesday, May 14. Got to a Quaker's House, which lay in our Way to *Nottingham* about Midnight, and met with an hospitable Reception. Received fresh
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Power from above in the Morning, and preached both Morning and Evening at *Nottingham*, but with such Demonstration of the Spirit, and such a wonderful Moving amongst the Hearers, as few ever saw before.—I was invited thither in the strongest Terms by some of the Inhabitants, who had a good Work begun amongst them, some time ago, by the Ministry of Mr. *Blair*, Messrs. *Tennants* and Mr. *Cross*, the last of which had been denied the Use of the Pulpit by one of his own Brethren, and was obliged to preach in the Woods, where the LORD manifested forth his Glory, and caused many to cry out, *What shall we do to be saved?* It surprized me to see such a great Multitude gathered together, at so short a Warning, and in such a Desert Place. I believe there were near 12,000 Hearers. I had not spoke long, but I perceived Numbers melting. As I proceeded, the Power increased, till at last, both in the Morning and Afternoon, Thousands cried out, so that they almost drowned my Voice. Never before did I see a more glorious Sight! Oh what strong Cryings and Tears were shed and poured forth after the dear LORD JESUS.—Some fainted; and when they had got a little Strength, they would hear and faint again. Others cried out in a Manner, almost, as if they were in the sharpest Agonies of Death! I think I never was myself filled with greater Power. Oh what Thoughts and Words did GOD put into my Heart! And after I had finished my last Discourse, I was so pierced, as it were, and overpowered with GOD's Love, that some thought (I believe) that I was about to give up the Ghost.—Oh how sweetly did I lie at the Feet of my JESUS! With what Power did a Sense of his All-constraining, Free and Everlasting Love flow in upon my Soul! It almost took away my Life. However, at length I revived, and having taken a little Meat, was strengthened to go with my Brother *Blair*, *Tennant*, and some other Friends to Brother *Blair's* House, about twenty Miles from *Nottingham*. In the Way we refreshed our Souls by singing Psalms and Hymns. We got to our Journey's End about Midnight, where, after we had taken a little Food, and recommended ourselves to GOD by Prayer, we went to Rest,

and slept, I believe, in the Arms of our dear LORD JESUS.—*Oh LORD, was ever Love like thine !*

Fog's Mannor.

Thursday, May 15. Preached at *Fog's Mannor*, about three Miles from Mr. *Blair's* House ; where I was earnestly invited to come, by him. And here also the LORD was pleased to cause much of his Glory to pass before us. The Congregation was about as large as that Yesterday at *Nottingham*. As great, if not a greater Commotion was in the Hearts of the People. Look where I would, most were drowned in Tears. The Word was sharper than a two-edged Sword, and their bitter Cries and Groans were enough to pierce the hardest Heart. Oh what different Visages were then to be seen ? Some were struck pale as Death, others wringing their Hands, others lying on the Ground, others sinking into the Arms of their Friends, and most lifting up their Eyes towards Heaven, and crying out to GOD ! I could think of nothing, when I looked upon them, so much as the Great Day.—They seemed like Persons awakened by the last Trump, and coming out of their Graves to Judgment. One would imagine, none but a Devil incarnate could have withstood the Power, or avoid crying out, *Surely GOD is in this Place :* And yet one Mr. *Elson*, a Dissenting Minister, a virulent Opposer of Mr. *Tennant* and his Brethren, after Sermon was over, whilst Thousands were under the deepest Distress of Soul, came desiring to have a public Disputation : I told him I was going to *Newcastle*, and that the Place we were now in was not proper to dispute in. But he thinking that was only to evade the Trial, I desired him to begin, and I would answer such Questions as he should propose. He then charged me with saying, That such as had only a Faith of Adherence, were in a damnable Condition. I answered, such a Thing never entered my Thoughts. I only said, a Faith of Adherence was not to be rested in : But that all should ask for, and labour after a full Assurance of Faith. He then brought a Passage out of *Isaiah*, Chap. l. v. 10. to prove that a Person might be in CHRIST, and yet not know it.

I told him, if he was a Spiritual Person, he would have known, there was a Time when GOD withdraws his sensible Presence from a Believer's Soul, and yet that Soul may even then be kept from doubting of his Interest in CHRIST. He was about to quote some other Passage of Scripture: But by this Time the People were exasperated at his Ill-treatment of me; and one cried out in Haste, that he would take Mr. *El—son* out of the Place: For this I rebuked him sharply, saying, that was not the Spirit of CHRIST; and at the same Time blamed Mr. *El—son* for coming at such an improper Time to dispute, when he saw the Power of GOD so visibly amongst us. I also told him, that I believed he was an Enemy to GOD: But if he had any Objections to make, I would answer them as I rode to *Newcastle*, or in a Letter, if he would send his Objections to me. Upon this, he seemed somewhat sensible of his Fault, and said he thought it was best to withdraw.—The poor convicted Souls hung so upon me, that with great Difficulty I got upon a Horse; and after I had given them a Word of Exhortation, to answer those that opposed themselves, with Meekness and Fear, I rode to a Friend's House, who had invited me to Dinner, where we all rejoiced to find what a Fool the Devil and his Servants proved themselves to be. For Mr. *El—son* did his Cause so much Hurt by this Action, and discovered his Enmity against the Work of GOD so evidently, that even his Friends now began to suspect him. Blessed be GOD! I trust all of his Stamp will shew themselves as clearly ere it be long: For I hate to have Communion with ungodly unconverted Ministers. I care not if they all with one Accord were set in Opposition against me. And I pray GOD they may effectually be convinced and converted; otherwise by worrying our LORD's Sheep, they will but increase their Torment in a future State.—*I would*, says the great St. Paul, of those that troubled the Disciples, *that they were even cut off* (that is, at least) from all Communion with you.

After this Contest, the LORD gave me fresh Manifestations of his Love. I dined comfortably with my Friends; rode at the Rate of eight Miles an Hour to *Newcastle*, about twenty four Miles from *Fog's Mannor*; preached to about 4000, and wrote some Letters; dispatched some o-

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ther Affairs, gave a Word of Advice, and prayed with several, who came many Miles under violent Convictions, and then went and supped on board our Sloop with my Friends. Here GOD was again pleased to fill me with a Sense of his Love. My Soul was ready to burst; Tears trickled plentifully down my Cheeks, and I was much carried out in Behalf of those poor Souls, whom I had left behind hungering and thirsting after the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. *LORD, for thy Mercy's Sake, let them be filled!*

After Supper, and singing a Hymn and Prayer, many who have accompanied me ever since I left *Philadelphia*, as also Messrs. *Tennant, Blair, and Craghead*, took their final Leave. Their Hearts were melted with Love towards me: But being much fatigued with Expence of Spirits, I could only sigh out my Heart's Desire for them, commend them to GOD; and then, as soon as possible, I betook my self to Rest, ashamed that I could be no more affected with a Sense of the Blessings I had received on shore.—*LORD, whatever thou deniest me, deny me not a thankful humble Heart. Amen, LORD JESUS, Amen!*

On Board the *Savannah Sloop*.

Friday, May 16. Rose by break of Day, parted with two more dear Friends, and put my Things and little Family in order as soon as I could. Was pleasingly surprized to see the Variety and Quantity of Provisions and Sea-Stores which had been sent on board by *Philadelphia* People. And found that in Goods and Money I had received near *L. 500 Sterling*.—*Blessed be the LORD GOD of Israel, who alone bringeth mighty Things to pass!* I am now going to make an Addition to my Family of Half a Dozen Persons, a Bricklayer, a Taylor, two Maid-servants, and two little Girls, whose Father kept a Dancing-School, Assembly and Concert Room in *Philadelphia*. Their Mother, I believe, had a Work of Grace upon her Heart, was well-bred, and concerned much, for some Time, at the Business in which her Husband was engaged. When last at *Philadelphia*, I did what I could, but now GOD opened Mr. *Seward's* Heart to relieve

relieve the Parents. I took these two Children, and blessed be GOD! an End will entirely be put to the Assembly, &c. at least in that House.—Many of the young Ladies have been much affected by the Word preached; and I believe those Entertainments will never be so much countenanced again. It is a Shame they should be permitted in any Christian Country.—They enervate People's Minds, unfit them for Business, as well as Religion, and grieve the HOLY SPIRIT exceedingly. Wretched and miserable are those false Prophets who frequent such Entertainments themselves, or any Way encourage others so to do. The LORD will call them to account for it at the last Day.—*Oh that I could lament my past Misconduct in this Respect with Tears of Blood!*

Saturday, May 17. Both Yesterday and this Day perceived the BLESSED SPIRIT moving on the Faces of some Souls in the Ship. Felt much of the Presence of GOD in my Heart, and had several Captains and Ship-Carpenters (the Wind being contrary) come to hear me pray and exhort.—The LORD being with me, I observed the Tears trickling down their stern Faces plentifully. Three seemed to be under strong Convictions; and one, especially, not long since remarkably wicked, I have great Hopes will be effectually brought home.—*Grant it, O LORD, for thy dear Son's Sake. Amen and Amen!*

On Board Ship, and Reedy Island.

Sunday, May 18. The Weather not permitting us to sail, at the People and Sailor's Desire, I went on shore and preached twice on *Reedy Island*, near which our Sloop, and several other Ships came to an Anchor. Having but a few Hours Notice, not above 200 came together: But there was a sweet Power of the LORD amongst us, and it pleased me to see the Ships Companies haste in their Boats to hear the Sermon. Many People wept bitterly. And in the Evening I returned to my Sloop with much of GOD's Presence, and was enabled to finish my Journal to this Day, not having Time to write a Word of it before I came on board for a Fortnight. Blessed be GOD! our dear LORD JESUS fulfils his Promises, and
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his BLESSED SPIRIT brings all Things to my Remembrance.—*Thanks be to GOD for his unspeakable Gift!*

Monday, May 19. Was much refreshed To-day by reading the Journal of an *Indian* Trader mentioned a little before, and could not but think GOD would open a Door for preaching the Gospel among the *Alleganian Indians*. Being much pressed thereto in Spirit, I wrote them a Letter, wherein I laid down the Principles of our Holy Religion, told them the Promises of the Gospel, that had especial Reference to them, and cautioned them against such Things, which I thought might be an Hindrance to their embracing Christianity. The Head or Chief of them is well inclined, and the white People thereabouts have heard of me, and have gotten my Sermons.—Who knows but GOD may now begin to give his Son the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the uttermost Parts of the Earth for his Possession. This Trader I really believe is called of GOD, and GOD never sends any of his Servants on a needless Errand. Hereafter Gospel-Ministers may be sent also. But the Gospel must be first preached to our baptized Heathens.—When this has been done, and the Self-righteous reject the Kingdom of GOD against themselves, then, lo! we turn to the *Gentiles*.—I long to see that Time when the Earth shall be filled with the Knowledge of the LORD, as the Waters cover the Sea.—*Even so, come LORD JESUS, come quickly.*

Wednesday, May 21. Preached for these three Days last past, once every Day on shore at *Reedy Island*, and perceived the Congregations increased much every Time. Felt much of the Divine Assistance, both on shore and on board, and was enabled to exhort and pray with great Power to the Captains and Sailors that came to our Sloop. One Captain and a Pilot were wonderfully affected. I find they all had made an Agreement to come constantly, so long as the Wind continued against us. But after Evening Sermon, the Weather clearing up, and the Wind being somewhat fair, we weighed Anchor, and went some few Miles towards the Bay.—Blessed be GOD for retarding us at *Reedy Island*.—Tho' I long to see

see my dear Flock and Family at *Georgia*, yet I rejoice in this Delay, because I hope some Servants of GOD have been refreshed, and others brought into a fair Way of coming to JESUS CHRIST. *Draw them, O LORD, with the Cords of thy Love, and then they cannot fail following after thee ! The Love of CHRIST is a constraining Love, oh shed it abroad into the Hearts of all poor unbelieving Sinners ! Amen and Amen.*

LEWIS-TOWN.

Friday, May 23. Came this Morning to *Old-Kilroad*.—Dropt Anchor, the Wind being contrary. Went ashore at *Lewis-Town*, and read Prayers and preached in the Church to a small, and as unaffected a Congregation as I have spoke to since my Arrival in *America*. The Minister hearing our Sloop was coming, staid to give me the Meeting. But I quickly found he was one of those who subscribed to the Articles of the Church of *England* in his own Sense. He inveighed bitterly against the Doctrines of Grace in private ; but was seemingly struck dumb after he heard me in public. For he did not open his Lips about the Doctrines afterwards. —Oh how will Divine Truths make their own Way, when attended by a divine Power ? They will either convict or confound Gainfayers. As for my own Part, I am in love with them more and more every Day.—I find few besides carnal, earthy, sensual, devilish Men oppose them. And I think the Church of *England* is by no Means beholden to Bishop *Burnet* for his Exposition on her Articles. He has opened a Door for the most detestable Equivocation ; and was it possible for the Compilers of our Articles to rise again from the Dead, I am persuaded they would insist on their being taken in the Grammatical Sense. They cannot, in my Opinion, admit of a two-fold Interpretation : But how is that once faithful Church become an Harlot ? Her own Sons have been her Betrayers ; and I fear, if GOD does not speedily prevent, will prove her Murderers ! *Father, for thy Mercy's Sake, purify her Sons, the Clergy, and grant that all who serve at her Altars may be clothed with the Righteousness*

ousness of thy dear Son, and preach and live according to the Faith as it is in JESUS!

Saturday, May 24. Wrote some Letters to *England* by the Way of *Lisbon*. Read Prayers, and preached twice in the Church to a much larger and abundantly more affected Auditory than Yesterday. Many People stood without the Church Door, and I was enabled to speak, especially in the Morning, with such abundant Freedom and Power, that I cannot believe any one Hearer could avoid being affected in some Degree or other. I was carried out for a long Time, and saw the Word strike the Hearers like so many pointed Arrows. It came with Demonstration of the Spirit indeed. Carnal Reasoning could not resist it. Blessed be GOD!—In the Evening I retired and looked towards *Georgia*: But this Text was much pressed upon my Mind, *We essayed to go into Bythinia, but the Spirit suffered us not.*—LORD, I submit. Thy Will be done. I desire not to move, till that which now letteth be taken out of the Way. Oh when shall I learn to have no other Will but thine!

Sunday, May 25. Preached twice from a Balcony to about 2000 People, the Church being not capable of holding them. In the Morning I had not much Freedom. But in the Evening, discoursing on *Abraham's* Faith, a great many, and some even of the most polite, wept much. But alas! when I came to turn from the Creature to the Creator, and to talk of GOD's Love, in sacrificing his only begotten Son JESUS CHRIST, their Tears, I observed, dried up. I told them of it; and could not but from thence infer the dreadful Depravity of Human Nature.—We can weep at the Sufferings of a Martyr, a Man like ourselves; but when are we affected at the Relation of the Sufferings of the Son of GOD? Monsieur *Paschal*, I have been informed, always wept, whenever he read our dear LORD's Passion. And tho' Weeping be not always a Sign of Grace, yet I think it is an Evidence of the Hardness of our Hearts, and a Want of a due Sense of Sin, when we can weep at any other melancholy Relation, and yet be unmoved at the Ac-

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count of the Sufferings of a dying Saviour.—The divine *Herbert*, modernized by my dear Brother Mr. *Charles Wesley*, furnishes me with a sweet Prayer on this Occasion.

*Sin is still spreading o'er my Heart,
A Hardness void of Love :
Let suppling Grace, to cross her Art,
Drop gently from above !*

After Evening Service, thinking it Time to visit my little Family (in all seventeen Souls) I went on board, and GOD was with us of a Truth. I prayed with and exhorted them. My Eyes gushed out with Water ; my Soul was full of a Sense of the Divine Love, and my little Flock wept plentifully too. I was much carried out for them and my dear *Savannah* Friends, and had some Thoughts that the LORD would now send me to them. Whether that be his good Pleasure or not, I desire to be resigned and thankful for this Delay. It has been made very beneficial to many Souls, especially to some of our own Sloop, particularly to one most profligate Sinner, who I trust will make an eminent courageous Saint.—I think I have now preached sixty eight Times since my Arrival at *Newcastle*, and have been near forty Days on Shore. The LORD has been much both with me and his People ; and whether he is pleased to detain me longer here, or permit me to return to my dear Charge, I hope his Name will be glorified, and the Salvation of Souls promoted.

*While in these Regions here below,
No other Good will I pursue,
I'll bid this World of Noise and Shew,
With all its flatt'ring Snares, Adieu !*

*That Path with humble Speed I'll seek,
Wherein, O LORD, thy Footsteps shine :
Nor will I hear, nor will I speak,
Of any other Love than thine.*

TYBEE-ISLAND.

Wednesday, June 4. Cast Anchor about Midnight, at Tybee Island, fifteen Miles from Savannah, after a short Passage of nine Days, a Thing very extraordinary at this Time of the Year. But our GOD is a GOD hearing Prayer.—*LORD, give me evermore to exercise Faith on thy Promises, and then all Things whatsoever I ask in thy dear Son's Name, I know I shall receive.*

SAVANNAH.

Thursday, June 5. Took Boat at Tybee, about one in the Morning, and arrived at Savannah about eight. But oh what a sweet Meeting had I with my dear Friends. What GOD has prepared for me I know not; but surely I cannot well expect a greater Happiness till I embrace the Saints in Glory. When I parted, my Heart was ready to break with Sorrow, but now it almost burst with Joy. All Things concurred to render our Meeting exceeding happy.—None of my Letters had come to Hand, so that my Family did not expect me for a long Season. They had also been informed that I was cast away; so that they received me as one rising from the dead. Oh how did each in Turn, hang upon my Neck, kiss and weep over me with Tears of Joy. And my own Soul was so full of a Sense of GOD's Love, when I embraced one Friend in particular, that I thought I should even have expired in the Place. All that Joseph felt, when he wept over his Brother Benjamin, or David, when making a Covenant with Jonathan, did I feel, and I could almost say, far more. In short, my Soul was quite full with Peace, with Love and Joy; and I took the first Opportunity of kneeling down with my dear Family, and venting my Heart before them. Several of my Parishioners came with great Joy to see me, and after we had wept and prayed and gave Thanks for a considerable Time, I took a little Refreshment for my Body; but felt my Soul so full of a Sense of the Divine Love, that I wanted Words to express myself! O
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dearest JESU ! why am I thus highly favoured ! Oh unspeakable, free, almighty, and everlasting Love ! And yet these are only Earnests and Foretastes of future Bliss ! Hasten, dearest LORD ! hasten that happy Hour, when I shall be received into Abraham's Bosom, and praise thee to all Eternity for what thou hast done for our Souls. Even so, come, LORD JESUS ! Make no long tarrying, O my GOD !

Friday, June 6. Blessed be the GOD of all Grace, who continues to do for me marvellous Things ! This Day I hope Salvation is come to many in my House.—Long have I interceded for poor *Savannah*. Strong Wrestlings have I had with GOD Time after Time, both in public and private, on the Inhabitants Behalf ; and this Night GOD has most remarkably answered my Requests.—Ever since my Arrival, my Soul has been quite carried out with a Sense of GOD's Love, in bringing me back so opportunely. And all this Day, one or two of my Friends perceived a Divine Power coming gradually amongst us.—In the Afternoon, one of the Men that I brought over, was enabled to wrestle with GOD exceedingly, both for himself and others.—About four, GOD gave me to pray earnestly, and particularly with strong Cryings and Tears for my Friends, who were in the Room with me.—Many came into the Passage near us, and wept much before the LORD, deeply labouring in their Souls.—After this I went up and pray'd for near half an Hour with some of the Women of the House, and three Girls, who seemed to be weary with the Weight of their Sins. But when we came to public Prayer, the HOLY GHOST seemed to come into the Congregation like a mighty rushing Wind, carrying all before it.—I was so carried out in Exposition, that the Sweat poured most plentifully from my Face, till my animal Spirits were almost exhausted.—I had not begun long before several fell a crying sorely ; and the Number still increased, till young Men and Maidens, old Men and Children, were all dissolved in Tears and Mourning after JESUS. I believe there were scarce half a Dozen in the whole Congregation, but what were deeply

deeply affected. I think I never saw the like before. It amazed me, and must have affected the Heart of any one not quite dead to GOD, to behold the little Lambs crying most bitterly. And what was more extraordinary, after Church, several of my Parishioners, all my Family, and the little Children, came crying along the Street, and many could not avoid praying very loud.—Being come home, I laid myself upon the Bed, weak in Body, and astonished at the Power of GOD. But finding so many come up in such a Condition, I rose from Bed, and betook myself to Prayer again. But had I not lifted up my Voice like a Trumpet, the Groans and Cries of the Children would have prevented my being heard. This continued for near an Hour, till at last, finding their Concern rather increase than abate, I desired all to retire. But oh how was I delighted afterwards, to hear some or other praying most earnestly to GOD in every Corner of the House: And it surprized me to hear what a Spirit of Supplication was put into the Hearts of some of the Boys and Girls. It happened also to thunder and lighten, which added much to the Solemnity of the Night, and reminded us more of the Coming of the Son of Man. After my Parishioners had been gone, and the Family retired for about an Hour, when I thought their Spirits were composed, I called all together, and sung an Hymn to our dear LORD JESUS, whose Hand alone had brought such mighty Things to pass. My exerting myself so much, threw my Body into a Fever; and GOD's Comforts so refreshed my Soul, that I slept but little the whole Night. The next Day the Concern still continued, especially amongst the Girls, four of whom I have great Reason to believe are coming home truly to JESUS CHRIST, with as many Boys. Their Convictions increase. They are even now in frequent Agonies, when lying and groaning under the Sense of their original and actual Sins. The next Day after this Awakening, for near two Hours, they cried out as violently as they did the Night before. One has been so filled with Love, Peace and Joy, that she has continued almost whole Nights in Prayer. Her Heart burns with longing Desire for the Salvation of her dear Relations
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and Fellow-Creatures; she is surprisngly enabled to pray to GOD for them, and has wrote such Truths, as I am persuaded none could write without an inward Feeling of the Spirit of GOD in the Heart. The Boys also go on well. I walk out with them or the Girls under Conviction once every Day, and am delighted to find what a rational Account they give me of the Work of GOD, and how they are let to see the Corruption of their Nature. They are observed frequently to retire, and some of them have prayed sweetly before me, and at other Times they have been overheard wrestling with GOD in the strongest Manner, and praying to JESUS CHRIST to deliver them from the bottomless Pit.—Several also of my Parishioners are under great Concern: But I mention my Orphans in particular, that their Benefactors may rejoice in hearing what GOD is doing for their Souls. Blessed be his holy Name! our Affairs are now carried on with Decency and Order, and I really believe *Savannah* will yet become the Joy of the Earth. Ere long, I trust, the LORD will take it into his own Hands, and then the Curse which I believe has hitherto been lying on it, will be taken off. I am now beginning to build a Church, and when Matters are brought to a sufficient Extremity, then I believe will be the LORD's Opportunity to save and deliver us. He seems to be purging the Province apace. The Sword will sweep away the Refuse of Lies, and I trust a Rest will yet be prepared in this despised Place, for our dear LORD's own People.—Blessed be GOD, the Children are industrious. We have now in the House near 100 Yards of Cloth spun and weaved. We have also several Tradesmen belonging to the House, much Cattle on our Plantation, and I hope ere long we shall live amongst ourselves. There are several Masters set over the Children, who watch over them both in and after School Hours. Generally once a Day, if I do not, they walk with their respective Charges, tell them of the Glory of GOD in the Creation, and praise him by singing a Hymn. But I shall give a more particular Account when I send my next Journal.—As it is uncertain when I shall return to my native Country, I thought it my Duty to send this in the mean while,
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that my dear Friends may give Thanks in my Behalf, and by their Prayers strengthen my Hands: For an effectual Door is opening in *America*; and I trust the Time is coming, when the Earth shall be filled with the Knowledge of the LORD, as the Waters cover the Sea.—We hear of Wars and Rumours of Wars, but let not the Servants of JESUS CHRIST be troubled; for the LORD generally ushers in his Kingdom with dreadful Pomp, and destroys those with the Sword of the Enemy, who would not be wounded with the Sword of his Spirit.—*May the LORD be glorified in all his Dispensations! and may that happy Time now hasten on, wherein the Leopard shall lie down with the Kid, and the Lion eat Straw like the Ox, and the People learn War no more!*—The Concern I have for the Church in general, and *Savannah* and the *Orphan-House* in particular, lies much upon my Heart Day and Night.—But I commit myself to GOD in a Hymn composed by the Great *Luther*, and translated by my Friend Mr. *Wesley*.

I.

*Commit thou all thy Grievs,
And Ways into his Hands;
To his sure Truth and tender Care,
Who Earth and Heav'n commands.*

II.

*Who points the Clouds their Course,
Whom Winds and Seas obey;
He shall direct thy wand'ring Feet,
He shall prepare thy Way.*

III.

*Thou on the LORD rely,
So safe shalt thou go on;
Fix on his Work thy stedfast Eye,
So shall thy Work be done.*

IV.

*No Profit canst thou gain
By self-consuming Care;
To him commend thy Cause; his Ear
Attends the softest Pray'r.*

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*Thy everlasting Truth,
 Father, thy ceaseless Love
 Sees all thy Children's Wants, and knows
 What best for each will prove.*

VI.

*And whatsoe'er thou wilt,
 Thou dost, O King of Kings;
 What thy unerring Wisdom chose,
 Thy Pow'r to Being brings.*

VII.

*Thou ev'ry where hast Way,
 And all Things serve thy Might;
 Thy ev'ry Act pure Blessing is,
 Thy Path unsully'd Light.*

VIII.

*When thou arisest, LORD,
 What shall thy Work withstand?
 When all thy Children want, thou giv'st,
 Who, who shall stay thy Hand?*

IX.

*Give to the Winds thy Fears;
 Hope, and be undismay'd;
 GOD hears thy Sighs, and counts thy Tears,
 GOD shall lift up thy Head.*

X.

*Thro' Waves, and Clouds, and Storms,
 He gently clears thy Way;
 Wait thou his Time, so shall this Night
 Soon end in joyous Day.*

XI.

*Still heavy is thy heart;
 Still sink thy Spirits down:
 Cast off the Weight, let Fear depart,
 And ev'ry Care be gone.*

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*What tho' thou rulest not,
Yet Heav'n, and Earth, and Hell
Proclaim, GOD sitteth on the Throne,
And ruleth all Things well!*

XIII.

*Leave to his Sov'reign Sway
To choose and to command;
So shalt thou wond'ring own, his Way
How wise, how strong his Hand.*

XIV.

*Far, far above thy Thought,
His Counsel shall appear,
When fully he the Work hath wrought,
That caus'd thy needless Fear.*

XV.

*Thou seest our Weakness, LORD,
Our Hearts are known to thee;
O lift thou up the sinking Hand,
Confirm the feeble Knee!*

XVI.

*Let us in Life, in Death,
Thy stedfast Truth declare,
And publish with our latest Breath,
Thy Love and Guardian Care!
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